

FIGHT IN BOATS IN MARSH WARFARE

Russian Soldiers Use Special Craft for Scouting and Raiding German Lines.

WATER TRIP TO PINSK

Special Correspondence to THE SUN
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"The marshes," he writes, "have awakened from their winter sleep. Even on the paved roads movement is all but impossible; to the right and left every thing is submerged. The small river S—en has become enormously broad; its shores are lost in the distance."

Wait, it will be still better later on the inhabitants say. It will be impossible for the Germans to drag an empty cart along, much less a cannon. The boatsmen, however, are armed, and are taking their revenge on man for having disturbed the ordinary life of Palestine. But however difficult the operation the war must be continued and material obstacles must be overcome. Owing to the enormous area covered by water the boatsmen are the most difficult to find. Sentries and patrols move in boats, and controlling parties travel in boats, escape on the enemy from boats, and escape in boats from the attentions of the German

Scouts Travel in Boats.

"The great marshy basin of the S—on and the P— is full of new boats, which are called 'baidaks'. These 'baidaks' are small, constructed to hold three or four men. The boats are flat bottomed and steady. The scouts take the 'baidaks' on their shoulders, and as soon as they come to deep water launch their craft and row to the

other side. Small oars or paddles are used, and punting operations are often

"On the S—— on these boats move with great secrecy in the night; in the daytime they are hidden in rushes and reeds.

"It was a foggy day when we decided on making a voyage in a 'baidaka'. The Germans come very sudden to this place," said one of my companions. "Our soldiers are concealed everywhere." We

"I was more interested in the intense silence of the marsh, for I knew that all this silence was false. Our secret was abandoned, and perhaps German eavesdroppers were on the vicinity. The marsh was

full of men in hiding, and the waiting for a chance shot was more terrible than a continuous cannonade. Our sentinels fired twice close by; we did not know why. The shots resounded in the forest. We lay down in our bunk and hid our heads. It was difficult for us to advance through the undergrowth as the spaces between the bushes were very narrow. We could not row, and we had to punt with our oars.

Near the Germans.

"We advanced in this fashion half an hour. Then we reached a lakelet at

"I could not see where the river came from. The water spread to the horizon and ended only in the purple border of the forest. 'We must be quiet here,' one whispered. The boat moved along the river without a splash, and strange unaccustomed outlines grew up as we proceeded. 'What place is that yonder?' I asked my neighbor. 'Pinsk,' he replied. I felt excited; we were near a

"We got into the rushes and moved through the jungle as though we were advancing in open water for the first time. The rushes had been perfect in the autumn. We advanced in this manner for forty minutes until we distinctly saw the outlines of a steam engine and the bellhousing of the monastery at Pinsk. It was evident the monks had remained. The Kaiser himself was in Pinsk in November, and

"A minute or two later the boat stopped and I was told it was dangerous to go further. On the right we could see the outlines of houses and of the quay at Pinsk, only about a thousand paces distant. The town was covered by a thin mist and a faint fog was rising from the marsh.

"There on your left are their heavy guns." I could see nothing except some trenches near the quay.

"We took our leave of Pinsk. The twilight had arrived and it was necessary to retire."

HOSPITAL FOR CANADIANS
King's Nurse Will Be Matron of
New London Institution.
LONDON, May 15 — Miss Tremaine of

the Canadian medical service, who was the nurse in attendance on the King when his Majesty returned home after his accident in France, is the matron of a hospital for Canadian officers which was opened yesterday by Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, at 1 P.M.

The institution, which has been established under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire, will be maintained by the Canadian Red Cross. It has been splendidly equipped by Mrs. A. E. Gooderham of Toronto.

the latter of whom is president of the Daughters of the Empire. After the furniture will be handed over to the British Red Cross and transferred to Star and Garter Hospital.

IMAGE A PEACE BAROMETER
French Expect Figure's Fall to
Mark End of War.
LONDON, May 15.—High over 100
above the normal and distant

figure of the Virgin, with the Christ still hangs from the cross in the Church of Notre Dame de Bre. For more than a year she lay, hung thus, at an angle of some 45°

In local French belief the day when the holy figures fall will see the end of the war. The German shell which threw down the Blessed Virgin of Bruges

During the last week or two the immediate region of Albert has been one of the most active on the whole. From the neighborhood of Erismont, La Boisselle, to Authuille and beyond

there have been almost nothing
and blowing up of mines.
